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In re application of Robbert Van Renesse et al.

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Sir:

An office action dated April 22, 2004 (the "Office Action") was received and reviewed. In response to the Office

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Action, applicant submits the following amendments to the specification and the following remarks. The amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this *Response*. The remarks start on page 10 of this *Response*. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.